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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

## TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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TNCR.152US8

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Title

Sample Inspection System

Express Mail Label No.

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### APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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2. Application:

- ☒ Specification: (25 pages)  
Descriptive title of the Invention,  
Cross References to Related Applications,  
Reference to Microfiche Appendix,  
Background of the Invention,  
Brief Summary of the Invention,  
Brief Description of the Drawings, and  
Detailed Description

- ☒ Claim(s) (16 pages)

- ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure (1 page)

3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)  
(10 sheets informal - 8 sheets formal)

4. Oath or Declaration ☐ unsigned (Total Pages 3)

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- b. ☒ Copy from prior application (37 CFR §1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)

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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
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1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program Appendix  
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10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

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- ☐ Statement filed in prior application; and  
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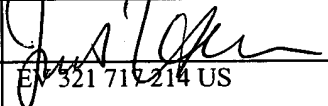
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